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Relief Work in Porto Rico.

The war department has made public a statement showing the progress of relief work in Porto Rico between September 25 and November 30. The population of the island is estimated at 918,926. The average daily number of indigent was 221,087 persons; average weekly sick, 17,372; and the average weekly death, 632 persons. The annual death rate was 35 in 1,000 inhabitants, while the normal rate was 26 in 1,000. The increased mortality was confined to the mountain districts where the hurricane was the most destructive. The amount of cash received for relief up to November 30 was \$15,224, and the total amount of food received to relieve the sufferers was 17,162,788 pounds. The report says that the overflow of the cane lands promising a good sugar crop, has mitigated the distress there, but the coffee plantations in the uplands were devastated, and the people are threatened with pestilence in the wake of flood and famine.

The Problem Before Lord Roberts

The New York Sun says: The official report of the defeat of Gen. Buller at Tugela River, sent by the Boer general in command, shows very clearly that the cause of the British disaster was a hopeless attempt to assault protected positions of the defense. The British troops were led again and again to certain slaughter and finally were compelled to retire without having accomplished anything except to demonstrate the terrible wastefulness of such an enterprise.

The British losses, as reported by Buller, aggregated over eleven hundred killed, wounded and captured. The Boer casualties, as reported from Pretoria, were only thirty-two killed and wounded, and there is no reason to question the correctness of that report. A comparatively small force in positions such as the Boers occupied can always defeat a direct attack upon them, even by overwhelming numbers. With the advantages afforded by the present arms in the hands of skillful men the defenders can always beat the assaulting enemy at small cost to themselves, except in the expenditure of ammunition.

That was so obvious that the stubbornness of Gen. Buller in fighting his doomed troops against so terrible a fire from adequately protected positions, indicates that the great lesson of modern war had not yet been learned by him. As an officer of our Army of the Civil War said the other day: "Flesh and blood and bone, no matter how heroic, will melt like wax in a furnace under such a fire." Every engagement of this war from the beginning, having demonstrated the awful futility of such tactics, it is astonishing that they were repeated by a soldier so experienced as Gen. Buller, for no general of the British Army, not even Lord Roberts himself, should be better acquainted than he with the possibilities of modern arms. Moreover, he should long ago have thrown off the British delusion that the Boers are a contemptible foe. He was taught, differently while in service as chief of staff to Sir Evelyn Wood in the Boer War of 1881, when, on a far smaller scale, the lamentable consequences of such contempt for the enemy as prevailed in the civilian mind of Mr. Chamberlain at the beginning of the present war and even extended to army officers who had had no experience in fighting the Boers, were demonstrated so terribly.

Gen. Joubert was in command in 1881; as he is now. British assaults were then beaten off with heavy losses, as they have been now. When, in 1881, the Fifty-eighth British regiment undertook to storm the Boer position at Laing's Nek it was driven back, as the large army of Gen. Buller has been routed at Tugela River. Then, as now, every British force was surrounded or held in check by the Boers; whose skill with the rifle was everywhere made manifest. Then, as now, England turned finally to Lord Roberts to get it out of the scrape, and, as now, reinforcements were sent to its armies in South Africa; but before his arrival, as is well known, came an armistice, under which the British were permitted to provision their garrisons, though one of them had surrendered before the arrival of the supplies and had been paroled. The result was that Mr. Gladstone came to the conclusion that he had a "venomous snake" in his hands and he threw it away and made terms of peace before the arrival of Lord Roberts. The story of the warlike ability of the Boers was repeated, though on a petty scale, in the instance of the Japanese raid, a shameful exhibition of incapacity on the part of the military and of skill and bravery on the part of the Boers.

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SEVERAL INTERESTING PAPERS
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One of the Most Successful Meets Ever
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The Friday forenoon session of the Maine Pedagogical Society was held in City Hall, and was devoted to rural schools. State Superintendent W. W. Stetson presided.

MRS. N. L. CURTIS.
The question "Cooperation of Parents" was discussed by Mrs. N. L. Curtis, of Brownville. She said the old saying, "In union there is strength" applied strongly to schools and parents. She said that nearly 80 per cent of the schools report no visitation of parents for the purpose of seeing the work in the schools. The parents don't find time to visit the schools. "As the twig is bent so the tree inclines," applies to the schools. Speaking of the difference in teachers she said she had visited a certain school and found it in a state of disorder and chaos. Later she visited the same school after a change of teachers, and found it in a condition of excellent order. Asking a pupil what had brought the change and he replied, "Why, we know that we have got to be orderly, and have our lessons, and we like it." With some teachers the school would be continued in its state of disorder. Parents should visit the schools to encourage the teacher and the scholars, and to see for themselves what is being done in the schools. Mrs. Curtis said that when cooperation exists between the parents and teachers, and when there is friendship between teachers and scholars, the common school system would be vastly different from what it is today. The parents should see to it that the school-room is as attractive as any home in the country. The parents should see to it that an efficient school board is elected, composed of progressive persons. The parents should see to it that a sufficient sum of money is raised for the schools. Let us have high ideals and let us aim to attain them.

DISCUSSION.
The question "What should the cities do for the country schools?" was discussed by several members. Superintendent Edgely of Fitchburg, Mass., spoke of the city and district schools, and said that the city teachers should create a public sentiment which would cause the teacher of the district school to feel that it is an honor to occupy that position. He said that the opinion of a teacher of the district school is entitled to as much respect when spoken from a platform as that of a president of a college.

Principal Chase, of the Portland High School, said that if he were going to answer the question in the highest way, he would say that the country teacher could help the city teacher more than the city teacher could help the country teacher, as many city teachers had received their best training in the country. He spoke highly of the method of the training received in the country, and told what excellent city teachers those made who came from the country.

Mr. Baldwin, of Boothbay Harbor, said that one of the important things needed in the schools is the interest of the parents, and when that was obtained, the schools would be much more efficient. He also advocated supervisors, who had knowledge of the school system.

Mon. Parker Spofford, of Bucksport, said that he had found that very often the country girl made a better teacher than the girl who had been brought up in the town or city, as she got nearer the people. The teacher cannot succeed against whom the people are prejudiced.

PRINCIPAL CORTELL.
The "Misdeal of Rural Schools" was discussed by Principal W. J. Cortell, of the Gorham State Normal School. He said that of the 14,000,000 of people in the schools, 12,300,000 are in the schools below the high school grade. Should we not then feel that we represent the most important department in the country. Of these a large majority are in the rural schools. To manage successfully a rural school where the people are of old New England stock, moderately poor, but ambitious for their children, to succeed, requires very great executive ability. The tendency is toward suburban life, and it is a very strong tendency. It is well known that the strongest types of human life are developed in the country. The men endowed with great power and the natural outlet of their power in the city, and the love of the manly life is another fact which draws the people to the city. To those not endowed with this power what is to make their condition possible? The rural school. The rural school must train the scholar in all the virtues of nature's work. The school must be so planned that there is a natural outlet for the power which is in the child.

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SUPERINTENDENT TUTTLE.
The question, "Union of Towns for Purpose of Better Supervision of Schools" was discussed by Supt. J. A. Tuttle, of Boothbay Harbor. He said that the frequent change of teachers in the rural schools is a drawback to good work. The causes for these changes are several in number, the most important one being that it is thought best to have male teachers in the winter term, when more of the larger boys attend. He thought the teachers of the rural schools should so keep the work in hand that when the superintendent visits, a quick review of the work might be made. The speaker told how the schools of which he has supervision are conducted, and gave experiences which brought out some instructive points. He concluded with the statement that too much money was paid for teaching which did not educate.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The afternoon session was delightfully opened with music by the high school orchestra under direction of Mrs. C. E. Tuttle. The young people rendered E. Gillette's "Bonnie's Prayer" and Gabriel Marie's "La Campanella" with careful precision and in beautiful tones. Their attractive performance greatly pleased the audience. The session was continued with a presentation of a paper by Mrs. J. A. Tuttle.

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committees on resolutions the following resolutions were adopted:

Bangor, Me., Dec. 29, '99.
Whereas, our meeting here has been an especially pleasant and profitable one, therefore,
Resolved, That our thanks are due to the municipal government of Bangor for their courtesy in extending the use of the hall.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Superintendent of schools of Bangor for her untiring efforts to make this convention a success; also to the teachers of Bangor, the reception committee, the decorating committee, the exhibit committee and the hospital committee, for the efficient way in which they have carried out the plans of their leader.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to the railroads and hotels which have given us reduced rates, and the press of the city and other papers which have given extended reports of our meetings.

Resolved, That our thanks be extended to the president of this association for the efficient and impartial manner in which he has presided over these meetings, and to the executive committee for the excellent program furnished us.

We would also add a resolution which has been submitted by Miss Lizzy U. Yates of Bristol.

Alfred F. Richardson, Mary E. Hughes, William M. Lincoln, Committee on Resolutions.

MISS YATES' RESOLUTION.
Whereas, the school savings bank system has proved to be of highest importance as an educational adjunct in the schools of Europe and the United States; and its practical operation in Maine has demonstrated its value and economic value to the youth of the state,
Resolved, That the Maine Pedagogical Society heartily endorses the system and recommends its adoption by the schools throughout the state.

OTHER BUSINESS.
Mr. Purinton of Farmington Normal school remarked on the changes that have come about in the work of the society in the past few years, mentioning the work of previous sessions, and made a suggestion that the transactions of the society should be published, and that the matter be referred to a committee to report next year at the annual session. Others spoke endorsing the recommendation, and Mr. Stetson moved that this matter and the matter of change of name be referred to the council. The suggestion was adopted.

DR. SPAULDING'S PAPER.
Dr. James Spaulding of Portland then read a comprehensive paper on "Teasing the Sight of School Children."

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WORMS

Worms are the most common and most dangerous of all parasites. They are found in the soil, in the water, and in the air. They are also found in the bodies of man and animals. They are the cause of many diseases, and they are the most common cause of death in the tropics. They are also the cause of many diseases in the temperate zone. They are the most common cause of death in the tropics. They are also the cause of many diseases in the temperate zone. They are the most common cause of death in the tropics. They are also the cause of many diseases in the temperate zone.

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"DAD IN HARNESS," IS WORKING SLOWLY THIS WAY.

The Empire Stock Concludes Its Engagement To-day, With "On The Bowery" and "Heart of Klondike."

At the Opera House Friday afternoon and evening The Empire Stock Co. presented "The Stowaway" and "The Great Monopoly," respectively, to fair-sized audiences.

A HOT OLD TIME.
One critic has described "A Hot Old Time" as a carnival of mirth, and his characterization of the piece seems justified by results. Certain it is that no farce comedy before the public is greater with merriment than punctuates the frequent good things in this play. The merriment is continuous, beginning within a minute or so of the rise of the curtain and continuing without interruption until the close of the performance. "A Hot Old Time" will be presented at the Opera House next Monday afternoon and evening, with the original scenery and strongly augmented cast. It has been the policy of the management ever since the original success, two years ago, to improve the production at every opportunity, and the methods employed have naturally resulted in growing favor that has lifted the piece to the very pinnacle of success. One secret of the great hit of "A Hot Old Time" is its absolute freedom from anything that is objectionable or offensive. It combines with a well told plot and striking situations an atmosphere of cleanliness that is refreshing in these days of French farces with their vulgarity and suggestiveness. Indeed, the patronage of ladies is confessedly sought, it being the sensible conclusion of the producers that there are very few, if any, who are not ready to follow a conclusion that has yet to be disproven. With a plot that is notable for its originality and intensity, lines that typify American humor, and American humor is generally regarded as the epitome of wit and intelligence that are as clever as they are unique, the success of the piece may be easily accounted for. This season's cast contains well known and popular players in Gracey and Burnett, J. P. Lester, the three Fanchonelli sisters, Watson and Walters, Merrill and Evans and J. Clayton Frye.

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Miss Ada B. Burnett, as Mrs. Blazer, was a terror. The best things perhaps in the performance were the songs of Miss Walters and Frank Merrill and the wonderful dancing of the three Fanchonelli sisters, by all odds the best that has been seen in Bath for many a long day and very "New York." In fact, one or two gasps were heard in the audience at intervals during the twisting and acrobatic work of the three pretty sisters.

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.
The version of Uncle Tom's Cabin interpreted by Stetson's double monster company, which will appear at the Opera House next Thursday afternoon and evening, has the especial approval of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, the immortal authoress of that world-famed drama, from the fact that Manager Stetson's adherence to the original text which is a complete deviation from the custom of other Uncle Tom's Cabin managers, who interpolate so many attempted gags, stale jokes and vulgar artifices into their productions that scarcely a vestige is left of the story to be forgotten work. Aside from the great worth of the company every act will be presented with new and elaborate scenery, painted by the master scenic artist of the world. The excellent company of two theatricals, two ludicrous burlesques, the elegant story, the novel mechanical effects, the ferocious bloodhounds, two brass bands and the celebrated Lone Star Quartet will all unite in making the engagement the most notable one. See the big street parade.

DAD IN HARNESS.
The Lowell, Mass., Courier comments on "Dad in Harness" which comes to the Norumbega shortly, as follows: "Music Hall was crowded to its utmost yesterday afternoon, the occasion being the three act comedy, 'Dad in Harness.' Otis B. Thayer as Henry Pigrum, Sr., had the leading role, and he kept the audience roaring with mirth especially after the first act, when his dejected appearance was laughter in itself.

Richard Sherman as Henry Pigrum, Jr., displayed great talent, and the many complications and entanglements which he got his father into were really amusing.

Miss Beatrice McKenzie as Lucille Ryanski, the beautiful circus girl, who charmed the hearts of many, and directed her special attention toward Mr. Henry Pigrum, Sr., causing all the trouble, was bewitching in many ways, her face and figure adding greatly to her manner. Her singing was pleasing and called for much applause.

The other characters acquitted themselves admirably and the measure of success which crowned the production as a whole was largely due to their efforts.

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Mr. R. R. Gurney is quite ill at his home on Elgin street, threatened with typhoid fever.

Large audiences will hear Miss Verley at the Memorial Parlors next week. They are of benefit to anyone interested in child study.

Miss Estelle McCord, who is visiting at the home of Mrs. H. P. Jones, of Summer street, is confined to the house by a serious illness.

The White is in receipt of a very pretty calendar from the insurance office of J. Herbert Boyd. It is one of the handsomest issued this season.

Hughes & Son will publish in a very few days a very clever comic song entitled "Manny's Little Baby Coo," with words by Miss Pearl Vinal of Orono, and music by K. A. Ringwall.

Bangor men will have a chance to hear Mr. R. H. Hitchcock the fine soloist from Chicopee, Mass., who is to sing in the city over Sunday as he is in the city over Sunday at the Y. M. C. A. building at 4 P. M.

Mr. John B. Dearborn, a comrade in Co. I, First Maine Cavalry, died in Orono, N. H., Dec. 4. He was a member of Post 73, G. A. R., Department of New Hampshire. He leaves a sister, The G. A. R. service was followed at the funeral and the burial was at Orono.

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